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FROM SNYDER ROME FOR FODAG, PARIS FOR HELMAN
BRUSSELS FOR MARTIN

E.O. 11652 N/A

SUBJECT: SAHEL R/R - MAIDUGURI SITREP

1. SITE CONSULTATION MAIDUGURI 4/30 BY PAGE/SNYDER FAILED TO
CONFIRM EARLIER REPORTS LARGE QUANTITIES OF GRAIN BACKLOGGED
THAT LOCATION OR EXCESS EMPTY RAIL WAGONS DELAYING RAIL
MOVEMENT.

2. WE FOUND FOLLOWING:

A. NON ON HAND: 1,794 MT SORGHUM (ALL EX-DEL RIO)
60 TONS CORN (FAC)

526 MT SUGAR (COMMERCIAL)

265 CASES (45 K CASE) TEA (COMMERCIAL)

NO OTHER CARGO OF ANY KING, ANY SOURCE, IN MAIDUGURI
DUE CHAD WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION FUEL TANKERS. WE
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PASSED 30 WAGON TRAIN ONE HALF HOUR OUT BY AIR WHICH

MAY BE BALANCE DEL RIO BUT UNABLE CONFIRM.

B. TOTAL REPEAT TOTAL TONNAGE MOVED MAIDUGURI
N'DJAMENA CONFIRMED BY AGENT AND CUSTOMS FOR ALL
MONTH OF APRIL TO THE 30TH: 825 TONS (BENEBOLA/DEL RIO).
STATED REASON FOR ABOVE: LIMITED NUMBER/SIZE (7-12TON)
CTT TRUCKS DISPATCHED TO MAIDUGURI FOR PICKUP.

C. SIX NIGERIAN 25 TON LORRIES WERE DUE TO LOAD
MAIDUGURI 4/30 AS FIRST DAY OF PERMITTED 15 PERCENT NIGERIAN
TRUCKING. TWO WERE LOADED AM, 2 ARRIVED BEFORE
OUR DEPARTURE AT 3:00 PM AND TWO WERE SCHEDULED
FOR LOADING AT 5:00 PM.

D. ALTHOUGH IMMEDIATE RAIL AREA WAREHOUSING LIMITED
TO MAXIMUM OF ABOUT 2,000 TONS, SUFFICIENT OPEN AREA
AVAILABLE FOR TEMPORARY COVERAGE STORAGE WHICH SHOULD
BE FULLY ADEQUATE REQUIREMENT NEXT 60 DAYS. ADDITIONAL
TARPS HAVE BEEN ORDERED, PALLETS TO BE CONSTRUCTED
AND FORWARDING REP (COSTAL SERVICES) ADVISES LABOR
AVAILABLE TO ACCEPT, UNLOAD, IF NOT TRANSSHIP, UP TO
10,000 MT. IN VIEW PRESENT SCHEDULE AND TRUCK MOVE-
MENT NOW ARRANGED, FORWARDING AGENT ADVISED TO EXPECT
AND PREPARE HANDLE NOT LESS THAN THIS QUANTITY MIXED
RAIL/TRUCK ARRIVAL NEXT FIFTEEN DAYS.

E. CONSULTED NIGERIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS MAIDUGURI
TO ASSURE UNHAMPERED NIGERIAN TRUCK MOVEMENT DUE
CLERICAL/OTHER PROBLEMS. OFFICIALS ADVISE THEY WILL
ASSURE TRANSIT AND NOT DELAY RELIEF CARGO EVEN IF
DOCUMENTATION REQUIRES LATER CORRECTION.

F. CONSULTATION CFAO, CUSTOMS, ET AL CONFIRMS
INFO THAT ALL CHAD COMMERCIAL CARGO NOW MOVING SOLELY
THROUGH CAR/CAMEROONS. NO COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC
BEING SENT MAIDUGURI WHICH WOULD CONFLICT FOOD
SHIPMENTS.

G. WHILE YOU MAY ALREADY HAVE DETAIL, WE ALSO QUIETLY
CHECKED FUEL SITUATION MAIDUGURI FIELD RE AIRLIFT.
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SHELL REP NOW ONLY KEEPS 200 BARRELS 50 GALLON JP-4
(LOCAL JA-1) TURBINE ON HAND ANY ONE TIME.
HAS NO RESERVIOR AND USES LIMITED BARREL/TRANK PORTABLE
TRANSFER PUMP. STATED AVAILABILITY/RESUPPLY NO
PROBLEM, HOWEVER. DECONTROL DEC 31, 1974.
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